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**BUREAU REPORT FOR APRIL 1957**

There was a lot of activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in April of interest to collectors of United States stamps. This report from the Post Office Department revealed that a large batch of numbers were assigned to plates, many were cancelled from further use, and at least two dozen were sent to press for the first time. Numbers assigned to plates in April were -

**Liberty 1c** regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25687-8; 25691-2; 25695-6; 25703-4; 25707-8; 25714-5.

**Liberty 4c** regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25689-90; 25697-8.

**Liberty 3c coil**, 384 subject plates, numbered 25693-4; 25718-9.

**Steel 3c** commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 25699-700-701-702.

**Liberty 4c coil**, 384 subject plates, numbered 25705-6; 25709-10.

**U.S. Flag 4c** commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 25711-2-3; 25720.

**Liberty 3c** regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25716-7.

Plates which were sent to press for the first time in April are as follows. Included are two each of the Steel and Flag commems -

**Liberty 1c** regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25677-8-9-10-81-82; 25687-8.

**Liberty 2c** regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25579; 25585.

**Liberty 3c coil**, 384 subject plates, numbered 25663-4-5-6; 25669-70; 25671-8.

**Liberty 3c** regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25564; 25584.

**Steel 3c** commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 25699-700.

**U.S. Flag 4c** commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 25711-2.

**Liberty 3c** regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25207.

Sort of a wholesale cleaning out of the vaults at the Bureau is indicated by the list of plates which were removed from further use by cancellation. Three of them were never used, and such are indicated with the appearance of the numbers. Plates destroyed are -

25562, 25549, 25552, 25530, 25582, 25556, 25557 — Liberty 3c regular.

25361, 25362, 25326, 25327 — Liberty 1c regular.

25578, 25549, 25650 — Liberty 3c coil (384 subject plates).

24803, 24804, 24805, 24806 — Commodore Perry 5c commem.

24986, 24987, 24988, 24989 — Kansas 3c commem.

25104, 25105, 25106, 25107, 25108 (none) — Arts Academy 3c commem.

25117, 25118, 25119, 25120 — Land Grant Colleges 3c commem.

25193, 25194, 25195, 25196, 25197, 25198 — Soo Locks 3c commem.

25458, 25465, 25467 — Liberty 2c regular.

25136, 25140 — Liberty 3c coil.

25441, 25442 — Liberty 1c coil (384 subject plates). Never used.

25446 — Liberty 4c regular.

25152 — Liberty 2c coil.

25207, 25208 — Atoms For Peace 3c commem.

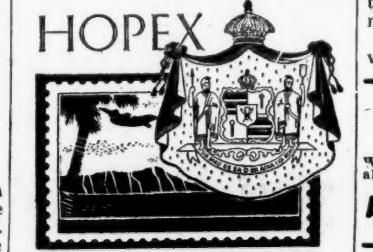
Engraving and printing is in the hands of Thomas de la Rue & Co., Ltd., of London, England.

In the design is the residence of the nation's president at Besastadir with the rugged landscape of the country as a background.

The Hawaiian and Pacific Command Philatelic Societies have prepared a colorful cacheted cover to be used during the Honolulu Philatelic Exhibition (HOPEX) August 23-25. The cachet features the 80c airmail stamp and the Coat of Arms of Hawaii.

**Hawaiian Arms In Cachet For HOPEX**

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The exhibition will be held in Waikiki's famous Moana Hotel and the banquet closing the exhibition, will be in the Banyan Court, on the beach.

Officers of HOPEX are: Robert Hollinshead, president of the Hawaiian Philatelic Society, chairman; H. Carl A. Anderson, assistant-chairman; Virgil A. Biggs; Lei Chiswick; Donald Wiley; Thomas W. Shootman; Otto Orenstein; Curtis W. Hustace.

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## World Flight Polar Mail Items

Julius Weiss

There is much polar activity at the present time. Many of the covers are franked with interesting postage, however, the cancels in most cases tell the story. Keep your eyes on both poles (arctic and antarctic). Here are some of the latest data:

The Japanese Observation ship "SOYA" made an expedition to antarctic territory in conjunction with the Geophysical Year. The ship lay close to Prince Harald Antarctica. In conjunction with this a pretty 5-color cacheted envelope was printed and postmarked Prince Harald Antarctica. The cancel shows a pair of penguins and the date 1/30/1957:

There are some permanent arctic bases (radio and weather station) at Spitsbergen. You should remember that Svalbard is the name for Spitsbergen. A cover I received from Ny-Alesund (Svalbard) has a green cachet which says: Worlds Northernmost Community-Kingbay-79° North-Svalbard. Another I have is flown from Tromso Norway 3/16/57 and back-stamped Longyearbyen, Svalbard.

This too is arctic territory, I understand from a friend in Norway that much of this is "drop" mail.

From Davis Land (Australia) many interesting covers are now making their way to the States. Try to obtain these items with a registry label on them. These labels are blue and read: Davis Aust., Antarctic Terr. plus the registration number. Davis Aust. includes Mawson, Heard, Vestfold Hills, and Macquarie Island.

The Ross Island material sent under registered mail has a label which merely says "R" upon it plus a number. However, it has a cancel which says Scott Base-Ross Dependency. I prefer the registration labels so that the cover has a back stamp—showing that it truly saw postal service and is not merely a bogus cancel.

Air-letter sheets are gaining in popularity. Friends throughout the world are seeking them. Check for any early Australia POW air-letters, v-mail air-letters etc. The American Airmail Society's Air-Letter Catalog has a very good guide to these sheets.

Collectors of Japanese First Flights will find JAP (Japanese Airlines) most cooperative with philatelic folks. They send news from time to time about first flights, special flights etc. Try to contact them: Japan Air Lines Co., Ltd., 2-Chome, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan. When writing any airline as to flights enclose an international reply coupon or two as this is a good policy.

A letter from Australia tells me that the Quantas Super-Contellation first regular flight of May 15, 1954 is quite a tough set to obtain even "d o w n u n d e r". This is a nice set of cacheted covers of 10 points from Australia to North America (USA to Canada).

I shall be glad to give further data as to flights and polar news. Should readers be interested merely drop me a line. Of course, any letter requiring a reply should contain a stamped envelope. (J. Weiss, 3417 E. 147th St., Cleveland 20, Ohio).

## Childrens Stamp Sponsor Is Dead

According to the Washington Evening Star Hilda Johnson Butterfield, 73, who sponsored the Children's Friendship stamp issued by the United States last December, died May 31 in Palm Beach, Fla.

Known as Lady Butterfield, she was the widow of Sir Frederick Theodore Roosevelt Butterfield and a cousin of the late Brig. Gen. William L. (Billy) Mitchell.

Lady Butterfield was not a stamp collector, but in her wartime work in Britain with Children of the Fighting Forces she developed the idea of a children's friendship stamp to be issued by all members of the United Nations.

Design of the American stamp was chosen after a competition conducted in the schools of the United States and its territories. A Hawaiian boy was the winner.

The 3-cent blue Children's stamp was issued last December at a White House ceremony held at the invitation of the President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Lady Butterfield had met the President during his wartime service in England.

After World War II, Lady Butterfield turned over her home in Yorkshire, England, as headquarters for the children's organization. It served as a clearing house for toys, books and clothing for children abroad.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Carolinda Waters Fischer, of Palm Beach.

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## Our Horse And Buggy Mails

There is a very interesting article under the above title in the May 1957 issue of the Readers Digest. The article is by Wolfgang Lange-wiesche and points out how antiquated are the operations of our Post Office System. It is stated that the Post Office ranks among the first twelve big business institutions in America in dollar volume; ranks third in number of employees; handles 60 per cent of all mail handled in the entire world. You will find this a very interesting article and one that will clearly show you why it operates backwards rather than forward as a big business institution should. By that we mean the more business it does the more it costs to do it and thus the higher the rates it charges. In other big business organizations the rule has always been that the more it does the cheaper it can do it. It is a sad commentary on an antiquated system.

We merely mention this article which is interesting reading if you have not yet seen it. It also brings to mind a thought that has often come to me since I have located here in a small town in Florida. This is quite an isolated spot from such cities as New York, Chicago, and the bigger cities of the north, but believe me I am certain we get better postal service here than is the rule in the big metropolitan centers.

Reason is simple. The office is small, the mail volume is small. The office force is never overworked. The mail comes to Howe twice each day. Once at 8:30 a.m. and again at 4:20 p.m. Within 30 minutes after these hours we can all walk into our post office and get every piece of mail that is addressed to us. Letters, packages, papers, registered items and all. We have no carriers, the mail is sorted and in our boxes or in the general delivery box and available to everyone.

Thus if you want good mail service move to a small town and be happy no matter how congested the service may get in the big cities. You can rest assured it will continue to get worse in the big towns rather than better, until and unless the entire system is revamped from start to finish and that is rather unlikely to happen unless it gets so bogged down that it becomes little more than chaos which it seems to be headed for at present.

## Registered Mail Labels

Here is an out of the ordinary and an extremely attractive field for someone who wants to venture into a mild form of specializing. In this field there is no need for great study or for use of a magnifying glass to locate spots on stamps or defects therein. You simply collect covers of all countries which have been sent by registered mail. The original object of such a collection would be to get the covers of earlier days which have the small printed and gummed Registered Mail Label attached to the cover. It may be news to some collectors but such labels were once used in our own Registered Mail service. Covers bearing such labels are not common and when one considers the possibilities with foreign covers there is a great big field for a specialized collection that can hold your interest for a long time.

One of the joys of attending a big stamp exhibition and bourse is to browse about the sales tables in a search for what you want to find. In this instance, foreign covers with Registered Mail Labels. A collection of such covers can be made very interesting as the earlier labels were quite attractive and they are very scarce today. These labels usually bore the name of a town and of the country so in countries such as Germany, where their use was common in earlier days one can get covers from many different cities with name of town printed on the label.

For many years past Mr. Walter Brink of Genesee Depot, Wis., has been collecting these labels, but off cover. This is a fascinating side line and I do remember of having given him perhaps a few hundred such labels over the past several years. At times in acquiring old collections, one may find such labels mounted in albums. All such that I came across were given to Walter years ago and today he perhaps has one of the largest collections of such labels that can be found. I have often thought, what a collection these would have been if they had all been on cover.

You should realize that the most interesting thing about any specialized collection is the chase. The fun of mounting and classifying the material and then the hunt for new varieties. If you are looking for some new fields to conquer, try these Registered Mail Labels, either on or off cover, but preferably on cover. Here is a challenge that can arouse a great bit of interest if you have the opportunity to visit stamp shows and browse the bourse tables.

## Registering Stamps Against Theft

Mr. Victor Veesaert of St. Louis, Mo., in a letter to the editor of the American Philatelist, suggests a system of marking code numbers on the backs of rare stamps or on other valuable Philatelic Items as a guard against theft. The suggestion is quite a logical one and one that could prevent sale and disposition of such stolen items. It would hardly prevent the theft in the first place as what stamp thief is going to check a lot of stamps to see if they have a registered number on them before stealing them.

Rather, marking of stamps could lead to their destruction as if a thief should find some such marked stamps in a lot he had stolen, the most logical thing for him to do would be to get rid of such stamps at once and that could mean destroying them.

Then again, to mark a mint stamp, one with gum is not practical as the gum could be washed off and the number thus removed. All of which brings me back to my pet idea, get rid of the gum in advance as it is slowly destroying many fine stamps. Owners of blocks of the Columbian issue as well as of single copies should inspect them frequently and note the deterioration that is setting in. Different values and different stamps kept under different conditions will show difference in this gradual destructive agent. Time will come some day when owners of stamps of this nature will try to sell to save a total loss. Washing the gum off would add to the life of such stamps but even that act will be too late after deterioration reaches a certain point.

Stamps of this period are on paper which is of extremely poor quality and will decay long before our first postage stamps show any sign of age.

Collectors of British Colonial issues can be thankful that these stamps are still being printed on a fine quality paper with a high rag content.



"Thin spots or clipped perfs always seem to bring out the beast in you!"

## Mother's Day Pair Issued By Syria

Bruce Conde

March 21, 1957 saw issue of 30,000 sets of Syria's new Mother's Day stamps.

The vertically arranged commemoratives are both airmails—40pi. blue and 60pi. red, thus totaling one Syrian pound, something less than 30 cents U.S., in face value.



The same theme is featured on both, a young Syrian mother and her baby, but on the low value, Abandowit shows a laughing baby with arms raised from the cradle, while designer Dhiyad, on the higher value, has shown the mother holding up a very contented looking baby.

In each case the stamp includes a plaque in French reading: "Mothers Day 1957". On the 40pi. the corresponding Arabic inscription appears directly above the French one. On the 60pi. it is featured in Arabic as the largest lettering on the stamp, in the upper right corner.

Figures of value are not very conspicuous, either in Arabic or western "Arabic" numerals, and the currency and airmail designation have been reduced to the abbreviation "P" for piasters, and "P. Aer." for Poste Aerienne in French, while the corresponding Arabic texts are almost too minute to read.

Syria has, since winning independence from French occupation a decade ago, launched a number of ambitious social and educational programs, of which maternity care, well baby clinics, advice and help to mothers are among the most outstanding. There is a strong and vociferous feminist movement in Syria, headed by the Amira Adila Beyhum al-Jazairi, wife of Prince Mukhtar of Algeria, descendant and heir of the exiled Prince Abdul Qader of Algeria, who spent his last years in the Syrian capital.

The Amira Adila and her daughter Amal, director of the model Dowhat al-Adab school of Damascus, have led the movement for recognition of Syrian motherhood, which is now symbolized yearly by the issue of a special set of Mothers Day stamps by the Post Office Department.

## Have Cachet For Ninth Hobby Club Convention

The All States Hobby Club is sponsoring a cachet for their Ninth Annual Hobby Show and Convention to be held in the Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany, N. Y. on July 26, 27, 28. A different color will be used for each day.

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The Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of Alexandria, La., will begin on July 4 and continue through the entire month. One of the highlights of the event will be a stamp exhibition sponsored by the local Al-Pine Stamp Club on July 6 and 7 at the Alexandria Community Center.

A feature will be the collection of covers loaned by George S. Bucker of Monroe, La. They are mounted on 20 panels and depict the history of mail in Central Louisiana from 1817 to 1869. The covers are valued at approximately \$20,000.

The club will issue a multi-colored cachet for the event. Covers may be obtained at 10c each from the Al-Pine Stamp Club, P. O. Box 815, Alexandria, La. and will contain a leaflet giving a condensed authentic history of the city.

## "Hitler Heads" Talk At Topical Meeting

The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the American Topical Assn. will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, June 28, at 8 p. m. at the home of Oscar Hengstler, 222 74th St., North Bergen, N. J.

Guest speaker will be William McFarland, president of the Staten Island Philatelic Society. He will show his highly specialized topical collection of Hitler heads which includes proofs, photos and other rare items.

Guests are always welcome.

## 1957 STAMP PROGRAM

July 1 — 3c Teachers, Philadelphia, Pa. (50 per pane, 120 million).

July 4 — U. S. Flag 4c, Washington, D.C. (50 per pane, 40,000,000).

Aug. 1—Air Force 50th Anniversary, Washington, D. C. (No further details).

Aug. — Shipbuilding 350th Year, Bath, Me. (No further details).

Sept. 6 — Lafayette Birth Bicentennial (No further details).

Wildlife Conservation (details not announced)

## READY ISSUED

1086 — Hamilton 3c. New York, N. Y. January 11.

1087 — Polio 3, Washington, D. C. January 15.

1088 — C & GS 3c, Seattle, Wash., February 11.

1089—Architects 3c, New York, N. Y., February 23.

1090 — Steel 3c, New York, N. Y. May 22.

1091 — Jamestown 3c, Norfolk, Va., June 10.

1092 — Oklahoma 3c, Oklahoma City, Okla., June 14.

## UNITED NATIONS

Oct. 24—3c and 8c UN Day.

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**CARL P. RUETH**

The Rev. Paul E. Monroe, Jr. of Newberry, S.C. is the fortunate owner of the plate block of the 50c Anthony of the Liberty Series one stamp of which is shown here. It is an upper left (UL), No. 25321 with an easily seen legitimate plate variety.



It has several plate cracks. The longest and most prominent starts as a continuation of the second line down from the hair-line on the forehead, extending across the head right above the shiny spot, into and through the cross-hatching, and through the frame and just a tiny bit beyond the outer frame line.

There are two shorter lines in the shiny part of the hair, and a fine one across the frame lines a couple of millimeters below the one described above. Easily seen with a glass or with normal vision.

Since many collectors do not gather the higher values in singles, let alone plate blocks, it is understandable why this item has not been spotted before.

I don't urge you to look at every stamp in your possession with a magnifying glass. I do believe you should scan each design as you handle it with a searching eye and if you see anything which looks not normal, then put the glass to it.

If you do not now have a quality magnifying glass get one. You won't need to use it often, but it certainly can pay for itself in one discovery.

1. A commem was issued for the 150th anniversary of statehood of the "Volunteer State". Which state is so known?

2. A commem was issued for the 150th anniversary of statehood of the "Green Mountain State". Which state is so known?

IT AIN'T ALL ROSES DEPT.: The following letter came this week from George H. Shirk, 1108 Concord Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mr. Rueth:

"Quite often in reading your column I had the reaction that you seem more interested in being an art critic than a newspaper editor, but until your issue of June 3rd, I have let it pass as an honest difference in opinion.

"However, your use of the word 'ridiculous' in connection with the forthcoming Oklahoma stamp is to me an exhibition of such bad taste that I am able to hold my peace no longer. The word is defined as 'absurdly comical; unworthy consideration'. Honestly now, even if such a definition were applicable, which it is not, is it good manners for a publication which refers to itself as 'America's Greatest Philatelic Newspaper' to so berate something that means considerable to us Sooners?"

"We are proud of Oklahoma, of its accomplishments, of its Semi-

Centennial, and of the symbol of our development in a short fifty years from Indian Territory to magnificent Statehood. As that emblem is the central theme of the stamp, I resent deeply the application of such a definition to the design.

"Granted, all of us in this country have a right to our opinion, whether it be on a subject in which we are skilled or ignorant. That is not the point of this letter; the point being rather that artless epithets are never in good form. By the same token, let us take an example, I have the right to harbor any opinion I wish as to the quality of your column, but we are I to express that opinion in as crude or needless a fashion as you have employed in telling us of your opinion of the Oklahoma stamp, I am sure there would be no physician in Shelby County with an instrument capable of taking your blood pressure.....

"Very Truly yours,  
"George H. Shirk"

I wonder what would have happened had I said that the design was extremely ridiculous! However, I'm not going to press my luck.

I think the good people of Oklahoma know that I have never said anything derogatory about them or their most progressive state. Never had any reason to, besides which I don't live that way.

I never expect 100% agreement on what is written here where an opinion is concerned. When the words are about the quality of a stamp design check with your local art museum staff and see how much they agree with what I have to say. After all, the stamp picture is a work of art.

I know that we have artists among the readers of this column. None have ever bothered to write to me one way or the other about the criticism, good or bad. I'd like to urge them to drop me a card once in a while to state how much we are, or are not, in agreement.

Honestly, I think the Oklahomans had a poor piece of artwork foisted on them. We in Ohio did, with our statehood commem, too.

If you do not now have a quality magnifying glass get one. You won't need to use it often, but it certainly can pay for itself in one discovery.

They do have a worth at least from five to twenty times beyond a normal piece, depending on the amount of disarrangement.

Have also been sent blocks and sheets of stamps where instead of a row of perforations there is a straight-edge. Senders of such want to know what they have and what is the stuff worth.

These straight-edges happen when the full sheet of four panes is a little off in the stack when the sheets are cut up. They are not varieties and are just darn poor copies which are worth nothing but postage.

The first thing with such off-normal material is to ask yourself, "Is this something which a person outside the Bureau of Engraving and Printing can do". Like for instance the straight-edge mentioned above. Anyone with a scissors, razor blade or cutting machine could produce it.

However, no one could produce

the whopper-jawed booklet panes.

From George Kingdon of Conneaut, Ohio came one of those special souvenir folders which the American Mail Society prepared in conjunction with the first day of issue of the United Nations 4c airmail, and 4c airmail postal card. The Society had its convention at the UN.

It is an admirable piece of work. In two colors and eight pages it gives the story of UN airmail stamps and stationery, reproduces some proposed designs, has a mint imprint block of the new 4c airmail stamp, and one of the 4c airmail cards cancelled on the first day of issue.

Mr. Kingdon also sent one of the official programs of the ceremony attendant to the release of the items, which had the stamp tied with the day of issue cancel.

From T/Sgt. Hal A. Barfield of the Tachikawa Air Base in Japan came a nice item. Recently the Airlift Stamp Club which meets on the base staged an international stamp exhibition.

To the program which they had affixed one of the Armed Forces commems tied with the Army Air Force Postal Service APO 323 postmark. Attached also was a pair of the most recent Athletic stamps of Japan which were tied with the Japanese Tachikawa post office cancel.

A nice bit of evidence of Jap-Yank collaboration and friendship.

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The other night at the stamp meeting, one of the boys got off a not too un-wise comment: "If the Commies ever drop an atomic bomb on 116 Nassau St.", he chirped, "it would just about wreck the stamp business in the whole country!"

Well, it might not be quite that bad, but it would knock an awful hole in the great old game. For the Morton Bldg. at that address down near City Hall in New York, has housed—and still shelters—many of the greats in the philatelic business world.

Our thoughts go back a score of years to the time when we began seriously to put together a showing of mint U. S. airmails. By the process—even then—of seeking and not finding, we drifted in time to the eighth or ninth floor, and the office of the Pioneer Stamp Co., Henry Hammelman, proprietor. As subsequent acquaintance proved, he was also just about the collectingest collector who ever walked through his own front door. For Henry was rather more collector than dealer, and every manjack on the street, from vest-pocket size up, knew just where to unload any particularly attractive airmail item that might come his way. "Show it to Henry," was the password to a fast deal.

Perhaps his last "kill" was the 5c rotary winged globe airmail, of August 19, 1931; for years, to the early '40's, he sold them as "scarce" at around 75¢ each! Auction today is \$20—\$25.)

In due time Henry gained retirement age and thereafter "lived" stamps. A bachelor, his home was a modest but crammed-with-stamps room up near Fourth Ave. and 73rd St., and it was on that corner that a stroke downed him some five years ago. The gendarmes bundled him off to a hospital, and in course of time, fairly well recovered although unable to use his legs and confined to a wheelchair, he gained admittance to the Bird S. Coler Memorial Home, in New York.

His stamp collection has been disposed of, part at auction by a large New York house 2 or 3 years ago. With the proceeds and augmented by his government pension, he is taking life easy and enjoying the relaxation. Unfortunately, his only relative lives in the Detroit area, and it seems that most of the many friends he knew during his active days have been a bit on the amnesia side of late.

The old gentleman now 81, is still alert and on the ball mentally and conversationally, although unable to walk or write; he keeps abreast of life by reading the daily papers and LINN'S, although no longer interested in stamps as once he was. But he enjoys talking with the few of "other days" who get around his way. And if by chance (as Bob Mayer tipped us off, prior to our first visit to the Home) the visitor has a box of chocolates along, why, the capable fingers which one time caressed many a rare cover will show that their dexterity remains at par!

And if you—you who "knew him when"—if you can't quite make a personal visit, how about a friendly note, and mayhap a bit of candy with it? "Everything is very nice at the home," Henry enthuses. Only his sweet-tooth doesn't get enough exercise. So, again, the suggestion to the friends of the old days; we know from experience that the great old timer of philately enjoys his chocolate as much—well, almost as much—as we thrilled at getting into that

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**Three Issues From Hungary On June 8**

A belated airmail and a set of two commems were released by Hungary on June 8. The former has a value of 20 Forints. It is the last stamp in the airmail series which had a beginning in 1950. According to the Hungaria Stamp Exchange of Utica, N. Y. the entire series will be withdrawn later this year and replaced with an entirely new one.

Zamenhof, founder of the language Esperanto, is the person commemorated with the aforementioned pair. Denominations here are 60 fillers and 1 Ft.

Also on June 8 was issued the first stamp in a "flower" set of seven. Of 30 filler face value it pays tribute to Paul Kitabel, famous Hungarian botanist. The remaining half dozen will come in July.

Quantities are under the same restrictions as other issued stamps. A small amount will come imperforate.

**Albuquerque Exhibition At Public Library**

Alpex, the annual exhibition of the Albuquerque Philatelic Society, will be held June 20-22 in Botts Memorial Hall of the Albuquerque Public Library. Entries are limited to residents of New Mexico and El Paso, Texas with a five frame limit per exhibitor.

About 75 frames are expected to be displayed. Information can be obtained from the exhibition chairman, Gordon L. Wall, 2735 Val Verde Place SW, Albuquerque, N. M.

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938-40	.32	1047-8	.10	1248-50	.25	1592-3	.19	1725-6	.06		
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978-85	.35	1052-5	.12	1254-7	.20	1584-5	.20	1738	.16		
981	.25	1056	.06	1256-10	.23	1406-7	.20	1586-9	.32	1738-42	.36
999-302	.34	1057-8	.11	1258-9	.28	1408-9	.18	1590-3	.23		

Monday, June 17, 1957

## Norwegian 3 For Geophysical Year

On July 1 Norway will release a set of three to note the advent of the International Geophysical Year 1957-1958. Two of them will be of special interest to Maps on Stamps collectors since their designs will display parts of the two polar areas.



The 25 ore green is in horizontal format. It pictures Jan Mayen Island adapted from a water-color painting by Henrik Mohn. The nation's Svalbard Island group in the Arctic is shown on the 35c red, while on the 65c is shown a map of the south pole area with Queen Maud Land outlined thereon.

Printing is to be by photogravure on unwatermarked paper in sheets of 50 subjects at the firm of Emil Moestue A/S of Oslo.

While the Norwegian Philatelic Service will have the stamps for sale at face plus return postage, it will not handle first day covers. Such service is offered by a non-governmental group.

Each set of three stamps has a face value of 1.25Kr. which amounts to 18c in U.S. currency (\$1 U.S. equals 7 Kroner; 1 Kr. equals 100 ore). Payment can be made by international money order, certified check or bank draft, or currency (bills only, no coins or stamps, sent registered).

Send the order and payment, including a sum for return postage to Postverkets Frimerkesalg til Samlere, Oslo, Norway. Orders can be sent sea-mail at 8c for the first ounce, or airmail at 15c per half ounce.

First day cover service is offered by Det Norske Postmannslag, Ostenfjelske krets, P.O. Box 1078, Oslo, Norway. The organization has prepared a multi-colored cacheted cover to which they will affix one set, addressed by type-writer, enclosed in an outer envelope and returned to the purchaser by registered surface mail. The cost complete is 2.25Kr. or 33c U.S.

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Deadline for First Day Covers is June 23—therefore orders by air-mail are indicated at 15c per half ounce.

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Serial No.	Description	Sgl.	Blk.	M.I.	Sheet
1	1c	.02	.10	.75	
2	1 1/2c	.03	.15	1.25	
3	2c	.04	.20	1.50	
4	3c	.06	.30	2.25	
5	5c	.08	.40	3.75	
6	10c	.15	.65	7.50	
7	15c	.25	.10	10.00	
8	20c	.28	.10	12.00	
9	25c	.35	.15	17.00	
10	50c	.75	.35	31.50	
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## Notes From Israel

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Two new Israeli air-letter sheets, reflecting the increased postal rates which followed the expenses of the recent Sinai campaign, made their appearance on May 20. They are a 150pr. brown red on gray blue, and a 250pr. dark green on light green, utilizing the conventional "running stag" design that has characterized all air-letter sheets to date.

Another aftermath of the Sinai campaign is reflected philatelically in two special covers to mark the first sea-mail dispatch from Eilat to Massaua and from Eilat to Asmara. Both Massaua and Asmara are Red Sea Ports in Eritrea. Mail was carried to both destinations on the Italian ship, S. S. "Caterina Madre" (Mother Catherine), which left Eilat, Israel on March 20 and, passing through the hitherto barred Straits of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba, delivered the mail at both Eritrean ports on April 8, some fifteen days later.

It is planned, in future, to dispatch mail regularly by this route every three weeks. The delivery time of two weeks represents a great advance over the previous 3-month transit period which resulted from the barring of the Suez Canal to all Israeli shipping.

Even Israel's expanding postal system shares some of the adventurous spirit of the post-Sinai days. At the beginning of April, no less than six new post offices went into service. What made this noteworthy is the fact that all of them are "Mobile" posts—travelling motor trucks that serve the hither-to isolated 'kibbutzim' or agricultural

cooperative settlements which are the pioneering outposts that have created so much of what is present-day Israel.

Of the six, two were opened on April 4, Meron-Ha Galil near the Sea of Galilee, and Gilboa in the mountains.

The other four were all opened on April 9: Emeq Sored, Lakish-Zafon, Nahal Ayalon and Lakish-Darom.

## Better Than Average Mailing Steel FDC's

A better than ordinary quantity of first day covers was run through the cancelling machines at New York City when the 3c Steel stamp was first its day May 22.

According to the Post Office Department 473,284 of them were serviced. Sale of the stamp was more than double the usual average with 2,003,632 sold for a value of \$60,108.96.

Also announced by the POD is the color of the Teachers commemorative at Philadelphia July 1. It will be maroon.

At the Philatelic Agency in Washington the sale of the 11c FIPEX souvenir sheet was stopped on May 31.

## Longview, Texas Has New Stamp Club

The good word from its first president, Tom Lancaster, is that a new stamp club for adults has just been organized in Longview, Texas. Membership began with 18, including a wide variety of stamp interests—U. S., U. S. specialized, Precancels, and General Foreign.

Correspondence with other clubs, collectors and dealers is invited, and visitors will be given a real Texas welcome. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays. President Lancaster's address is 505 Ridgelea, Longview, Texas.

## OPS 25th Annual At Stillwater, Oklahoma

The 25th annual convention and exhibition of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society will be held October 17 to 19, in the Student Union Bldg. on the campus of the Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. The Stillwater Stamp Club, Mary Leidigh, president, is general chairman.

Rev. Henry Morton, First Methodist Church, Stillwater, is general chairman.

Tentative plans for the affair are to tie in with the 50th Anniversary of Oklahoma's Statehood, and the 25th Anniversary of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society. The exhibition will be open to all O. P. S. members who are expected to fill the 350 frames. There will be a twelve dealer bourse.

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63	.48	578/79	.03	.06
64	.325	580/81	.03	.06
65C/74	.28	582/83	.03	.06
77	.29	584/85	.03	.06
78	.12	600/16	.20	
79	.17	617/33	.20	.40
80/101	1.45	614a, 31a	.35	.55
105/08	.10	662/64	.70	.30
111/14	.24	665/68	.75	.65
115/17	.68	668/68		
118/32	.20	12 & 209	1.85	1.85
133/36	.10	669	.08	.55
137/55	.45	670/85	.25	.35
156/60	.07	686	.50	.12
161/96	1.10	687	.04	.03
211	.12	688	.25	.10
212/17	.25	689		
221/40	.18	690		
241/49	.28	691		
280/309	.33	692	.15	.09
310/21	.35	693	.20	.10
323/28	1.15	694	.16	
337/39	3.25	695	.32	.18
340/43	1.50	696	.12	.08
348/46	.65	697	.06	.02
347/49	.50	698/701	.55	
350	2.60	702/21	4.10	1.30
385/36	.25	722	.08	.03
397	.45	723	.04	.03
391/97	3.95	724	.14	.06
398/400	1.80	725	.05	.04
401/14	5.95	726	.05	.04
415/31	.80	727	.22	.15
415a	.42	728	.13	.09
416c	.42	729	.30	
418a	.42	731	.10	.06
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446/47	.35	739	.05	.04
448/51	.51	740	.05	.04
452/53	.19	741	.09	.07
454/55	.16	742	.05	.04
456/58	.28	743	.05	.04
459/62	.80	744/45	.12	.12
463/64	.29	746	.08	.08
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Let's continue our story on the island of Dominica with a look at the colorful historic background of this colony, the first island discovered by Christopher Columbus on his second voyage to the New World. This took place on November 3, 1493, and Dominica was so named in honor of Sunday, the day of the week on which it was first sighted.

The island was at that time peopled by the Caribs who were then noted for their warlike propensities, and Dominica was a stronghold from which they sallied forth in war canoes to attack their foes in other islands. European colonists were later to be subjected to similar attacks; this accounts for the fact that for about two centuries after its discovery Dominica did not have any European settlement.

With the decline of Spain as a great power, France and England began to contend for this and other islands of the Caribbean. Ownership, marked at first by peaceful settlement, later came to be decided by force of arms and the history of the island till the nineteenth century was one of naval and military struggle for supremacy.

In 1627 Dominica with other islands was granted by Patent to the Earl of Carlisle, but the Caribs frustrated all attempts at colonization. The French, too, for the same reason were unable to secure a foothold and in disgust both powers agreed in the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle (1748) to neutralize the island and leave the Caribs in possession. Neither party kept to this clause of the treaty and gradually the French established settlements along the coast and the island came to be recognized as a de facto French Colony.

In 1759 the English captured the island from the French and the conquest was acknowledged in the Peace of Paris (1763). In 1771 Dominica was separated from Grenada, St. Vincent and Tobago and became an individual Colony; in 1775, by Royal Proclamation, a House of Representatives was established.

But undisturbed British occupation was short lived. In 1778 Dominica was invaded by the French under the Marquis de Bouille and after an heroic resistance by the British garrison, capitulated. It

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As can be seen the economy of Dominica is based mainly on crops of the orchard type. Such an economy has problems of its own, for example in the large capital investment required to bring a given area into production and in the large amount of capital which can be lost if, as periodically happens, the island is visited by a hurricane.

Some comments on the postage stamps and the postal history of Dominica will wind up this series in one of our very next columns. See you next week!

### Kenosha Cover Club Installs New Officers

New officers are at the helm of the Kenosha, Wis. Cover Club. The group is Chapter 4 of the Cover Collectors Circuit Club.

Now at the helm are president Jack Larsen; vice president Dr. Edward Carelli; treasurer Paul Becker, Jr.; secretary Maurice Schoepke, 3516 Tenth Ave., Kenosha, Wis.

During the banquet at which the new official family was installed retiring president Dr. Carelli was presented with a gift of appreciation for his efforts in guiding the club.

### Wichita Exhibition Comes In November

On November 16 and 17, 1957, the Wichita Kans. Stamp Club will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with an exhibit and bourse at St. Anthony's Community Center.

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Mr. Kehr becomes honorary member No. 1000 in the religious collectors' group which was established in 1943. COROS has only one other honorary member, Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York, who received membership No. 200 in the organization in tribute to his contributions to religious philately.

Mr. Kehr, an authority on foreign affairs as well as stamps, was born in Switzerland and was brought to the United States at the age of one. He made his first trip to Europe—alone—at the age of 11. He received a master's degree in philosophy and planned on a teaching career when he talked himself into a job on the New York World-Telegram as a hobby news columnist. He soon proved such a brilliant reporter that he was made a full-time member and sent overseas.

He has been with the New York Herald-Tribune since 1939 and has traveled extensively on assignments for that paper. Stamp collecting came as a natural hobby to him because of his worldwide interests. He speaks seven languages, among them Egyptian and Arabic, and carries on a world-wide correspondence.

Aloysius J. Paruzynski, of Milwaukee, Wis., president of COROS, praised Mr. Kehr for his "beautifully illustrated, 200-page volume simply entitled 'Vatican,'" and for his "courageous fight against the Panama stamp hoax."

Presentation of the honorary membership certificate was made to Mr. Kehr June 7 by Frederick L. Hill of Brooklyn, N. Y., on behalf of COROS.

**Investigation Made  
Of Luxembourg Items**

In 1945 the Postal Department of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg awarded to the Atelier du Timbre, Paris, the contract for printing three sets of Luxembourg "Homage to the Allies," the Heraldic Lion and the Notre Dame series. Unauthorized imperforate deluxe proofs of these stamps shortly appeared on the philatelic market over the strong objections of the Luxembourg postal authorities.

In 1956, with promises that such would not again happen, the same French stamp printers were once more awarded a contract for printing the Europa series and the Railways Electrification stamp.

Jean-Pierre Klein, editor of Luxembourg's stamp journal "Le Moniteur du Collectionneur" tells the story of these illicit deluxe proofs in the June issue of the "Luxembourg Philatelist," monthly journal of the Luxembourg Philatelic Study Club. Mr. Klein goes on to state that in spite of promises, imperforate issues of the Europa stamps have recently appeared on the European market, reaching there, the author states, from America. So far no deluxe proofs of the Electrification stamp have been seen.

Mr. Klein adds that the French Atelier du Timbre and postal authorities of France and Luxembourg are investigating the illegal leakage and hope soon to uncover the person or persons responsible for these unrecognized "favor sheets."

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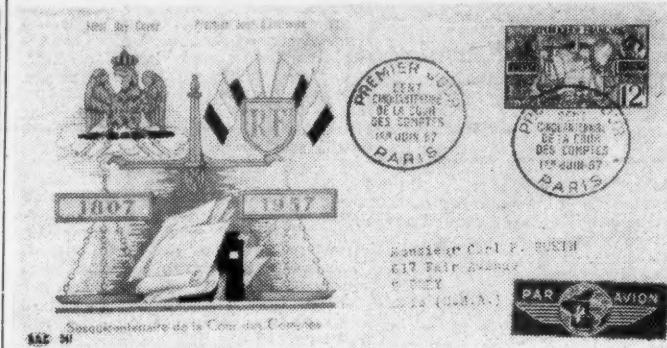
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Lew Edgar

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Its design (printed in photogravure by the Survey Office in Iheropolis) shows a map of the Strip.

At the same time, the stamp, reprinted in green, was released with a red overprint "Palestine" in English and Arabic.

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One of the four stamps devoted to Rumania medical men and the institutes of learning and research named after them proves to be of extra-long (70 x 26 mm) format. It is a red and blue 1.75 Lei with portraits of Kretzulescu and Davila flanking a view of the Bucharest Faculty of Medicine. The other values are 20b, dark green 35b, red-brown, 55b, magenta.

**New Style On Cuba Sports Quartet**

A solid frame of dark color surrounding a square of a lighter shade, no margins, and finely engraved vignettes—in each case in sepia brown—characterize the new Cuban sport series of four values released during May. All four are airmails, and show:

8c dark and light olive baseball player; 12c dark and light violet, ballerina; 20c dark and pale turquoise, girl diver; 30c dark and pale orange, two boxers.

Printing in combined recess and photogravure was accomplished locally.

**Belgian Stamp Day**

A special 2fr stamp was released in Belgium on May 19 honoring "Stamp Day", in connection with a postal publicity exhibition held in the Belgian Postal Cheque Office, Brussels.

The design shows the Emperor Maximilian I (1459-1519) receiving a letter from one of his messengers. It was engraved by C. Leclercq, Brussels, from an old print by Burgkmair.

The stamp remains on general sale throughout Belgium until July 20 this year.

**Catching Up In West Germany**

After a long delay in new issues, occasioned by the take-over of stamp design responsibility on the part of the Postal Minister from the design council, which is retained only in an advisory capacity, the Federal P.O. in Bonn is releasing four new items in quick succession.

First was a single 20pf. red on May 18 devoted to the 350th birthday of the Reformed Church composer and songwriter Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676). In his honor, Leon Schnell (Berlin) engraved a design copied from a bust by Peter, in the Paul-Gerhardt Foundation.

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**Bulgaria Honors Actors**

Eleven actors in their most famous roles are portrayed on the latest Bulgarian set to be released for the 50th anniversary of the National Theatre. A number of these carry a surcharge for unspecified funds, probably theatrical charities, as follows: 50st. G. Kirov; 1L., Zl. Niediewa; 2L., I. Popov; 3L., At. Kirczew; 4L., J. Snieszina; 5L., St. Byczarow; 9 + 5L., Christo Ganczew; 10 + 6L., A. Budiewska; 15 + 7L., W. Kirov; 20 + 15L., S. Ognianow; 30 + 20L., K. Sarafow.

These values are extremely high in relation to other recent Bulgarian issues and seem to point to a serious Leva-inflation. Since the 1952 currency reform, no stamps have exceeded 4L. in value. As the set is not however expected before September, the values and surcharges may well be modified. It is possible that the information is based on a pre-1952 issue (when these denominations were usual) which was not released at the time, and will now have to be modified. Editions are reported at between 2,500,000 and 200,000 of each denomination.

**The Only Hungarian Revolution Overprint?**

Budapest official sources report that the only overprint to have come to light during the Hungarian October revolt was applied to stamps in stock at the Sopron (Oedenburg) post office. These were surcharged with the legend "Hazaadnak reduletlen - Sopron 1956, Okt. 22" in four lines. Affected were the small Buildings pictorials in denominations of 20f., 30f., 40f., 60f., 1 and 2 Forints.

These were used on correspondence abroad, and on being reported to Budapest, were officially invalidated on January 25.

**Potteiger President Of Reading, Pa. Club**

As the result of recent voting among the members of the Reading, Pa. Stamp Collectors Society there is a new official family. It is headed by president Donald Pottenger who has as his assistants vice president Edward Knouse; treasurer Frank Weigley; secretary Jan Deelman, 300 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.

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"Suspense And Anxiety"

On May 19 Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced the issuance of a new commemorative, appropriately timed to come out with a boom on the Fourth of July. In every respect this stamp is ideally suited for the occasion. For one thing, on this anniversary date of our Declaration of Independence, what can be more suitable than the Flag of the United States of America and, without precedent, in natural colors of red and blue on white paper?

Another new feature the 4c denomination. After conducting successful experiments in bi-color printing, on a press acquired from the Giori Organization of Lausanne,

ne, Switzerland, it is felt that the Post Office Department is now in a position to produce multi-color stamps in a fast and economical manner.

The reaction from plate number collectors has been terrific. The desire to obtain this stamp may reach new heights in the purchase of plate blocks. No other theme could be closer to the hearts of all Americans than the U.S. Flag.

No sooner had this news come out than an avalanche of correspondence poured forth from collectors, all seeking further details and information about the plate numbers. Of course nearly all would like to get as many of these plate blocks as possible.

The first information was general, brief and scanty, at least so far as the plate block collector is concerned. The most often-asked question is not answered in the POD bulletin, "Will this be a two color printing, with two plate numbers on every sheet, as in the case of the 8c Liberty, or will this be a similar printing job to the Red Cross issue of 1952, where only one plate number on a sheet was used?"

There is a big difference between the two as far as obtaining complete matched sets is concerned. For several years efforts have been made by the Department to put through a higher rate of first class postage, from 3c to 4c an ounce. This year, so far, the House of Representatives has passed such a measure but it still remains for the Senate to approve it before Congress adjourns for the summer. It is in the Senate that this bill has had the most difficulty in the past.

Perhaps it was optimism that suggested the thought of making this commemorative a 4c value. If this measure becomes law, then a 4c denomination, as in the case of this bi-color U. S. Flag issue, will be comparatively easy to obtain as the 3c is, currently. The slight difference is that a full sheet will cost \$2 instead of \$1.50 and the face value of a plate block being 16c

will probably retail from 25c to 30c a piece.

However, if the measure to raise the postage from 3c to 4c an ounce fails to go through this session of Congress, then we shall have an entirely different picture. The demand for plate blocks will be great—more so than any other normal commemorative and the 4c denomination will only create a greater stumbling block in the apparent difficulty to dispose the 4c stamps after the plate block is removed. Three years ago when the 4c Lincoln of the Liberty series came out the plate block was costly whether you purchased a sheet on your own, or through a plate block dealer. In each case it was only acquired through the purchase of 100 stamps, from which you retained four and had to dispose of 96. In the 4c U. S. Flag issue, there are only 50 stamps to the pane and only 46 to do away with for each plate block. But then, under these conditions, where the postage rates for first class is still 3c an ounce, a plate block is bound to cost 40c to 50c a piece. Yes, that is a strange and different picture.

The worst part of it all is the fact the demand for the new Flag

commem will be far greater when they are more difficult to obtain under conditions where the postal rate is 4c. Human nature appears less desirous of obtaining that which is more common than that which is elusive.

The very day this column was written, another bulletin appeared, from the Post Office Department, where, by implication, it appears that only one plate number may be seen on each Flag pane. This POD news release indicates that on April 30 plate numbers 25711 and 25712 went to press. In the past we found that when two plates are used for a stamp, the same release clearly states whether the frame or vignette have been printed. In the absence of this information I would say one may surmise that only one plate number will be found on a sheet. On another page of this release we find that two additional plate numbers have been assigned to the 4c U. S. Flag commemorative. They are 25713 and 25720.

It will be interesting to note what further information will come out by July 4. To the degree that it will concern the plate block collector, more will be reported in this column.

# WORLD-WIDE MINT

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ABYSSINIA	AUSTRALIA	CANAL ZONE	FINLAND	GERMANY	GERMANY	JAPAN	NORTHERN RHODESIA	RUSSIA
C31-34	.65	256	.02	89	1.00	B104-06	.28	574-77
ALGERIA		257	.02	91	.25	B107-09	.35	578-79
B64	.10	258	.02	93	.40	B110-13	.50	584a-585a
B67-68	.12	259-61	.35	105	.04	B114-16	.32	635-56
B73-74	.10	259	.05	106	.03	B123-25	.32	669
ARGENTINA		262	.05	107	.08		.62	
503	.09	263-65	.45	116	.04		696-97	
544-46	.14	266	.06	118-19	.05	FRANCE	.20	1937 Coronations,
551	.04	267-69	.45	332	.18	B5	.05	Cpl. Set
553	.03	270	.03	C5	.06	B90a	.20	277-79
558	.08	271	.03	J25-28	.30	B140	.20	296-97
559	.04	278	.05	308-6	.25	B171	.05	300, C54-56
560	.03	BASUTOLAND		559	.04	B186-87	.10	(Set)
561-2	.10	35-38	.25	562-65	.10	B189	.14	301
566	.08	39	.04	566-67	.12	B190	.12	303
568	.03	BECHUANA-LAND		569	.08	B198-99	.14	313-16
569	.04			581-84	.20	B203	.12	317-18
571-72	.17	143-46	.25	587	.09	B212-14	.12	GREECE
576	.06	147	.04	604	.07	B216	.06	327-39
577	.03	BERMUDA		605-606	.25	B218-29	.50	338 (Sheet)
578	.03	159	.17	607	.12	B231-36	.25	338A (2 Shts.)
579	.09	160-61	.42	612-15 (Strip 4)	.75	B237-40	.07	338 (Cpl. Set)
580	.03	BOLIVIA		622	.21	B241-42	.05	338 (Set)
581	.07	269	.48	633	.09	B247-48	.06	338 (Strip 3) (16)
584	.03	308-11	.10	634-36	.32	B250	.04	338 (Cpl. Set)
585	.10	331-32, C125-27	.17	675	.10	B252	.04	338 (Cpl. Set)
586	.06	BRAZIL		676	.10	B252a, b, c	.05	338 (Sheet)
B12	.02	673	.16	677	.22	B257-69	.35	338 (Cpl. Set)
C38	.35	689	.02	680	.23	B271	.05	338 (Cpl. Set)
C39	.42	691	.10	683	.12	B272-77	.14	338 (Cpl. Set)
C40	.25	715	.03	684	.12	B278-79	.05	338 (Cpl. Set)
C43	.12	726	.04	685	.10	B283	.05	338 (Cpl. Set)
C45	.24	728	.24	688	.05	B284-85	.05	338 (Cpl. Set)
C46-47	.15	745-46	.35	689	.15	B286-87	.05	338 (Cpl. Set)
C48	.15	BULGARIA		692	.08	B314-15	.80	338 (Cpl. Set)
C55-56	.22	90	.02	702	.07	5N1-13	.15	338 (Cpl. Set)
C58	.15	114	.02	703	.07	6N1-15	.15	338 (Cpl. Set)
CB1-2	.15	134	.09	705	.10	RA9-16	.10	338 (Cpl. Set)
AUSTRIA		420-23	.06	707	.17	HONDURAS	.07	338 (Cpl. Set)
489-90	.05	421-22	.03	708	.17	C158	.07	338 (Cpl. Set)
516-17	.09	593	.05	709	.17	HUNGARY	.15	338 (Cpl. Set)
552-54	.65	B18-21	.26	710	.05	B140-43	.15	338 (Cpl. Set)
569	.16	CANADA		711	.04	B157	.02	338 (Cpl. Set)
580	.15	142	.05	712	.04	B171-74	.12	338 (Cpl. Set)
590	.14	150	.04	713	.04	B176-83	.10	338 (Cpl. Set)
B1-6	.16	162	.05	714	.04	C53-55	.10	338 (Cpl. Set)
B165	.12	164	.05	715	.04	CG3-5	.10	338 (Cpl. Set)
B166	.12	165	.05	716	.04	B187-200	.12	338 (Cpl. Set)
B171-78	.35	197	.07	717	.04	B204	.05	338 (Cpl. Set)
B199-206	.30	217	.04	718	.04	B208-93 (Used)	.40	338 (Cpl. Set)
B207	.04	231	.04	719	.04	B218-28	.30	338 (Cpl. Set)
B208-17	.30	237	.06	720	.04	B224-28	.30	338 (Cpl. Set)
B218-23	.14	242	.05	721	.04	B248	.09	338 (Cpl. Set)
B224	.12	249	.03	722	.04	B254-58	.45	338 (Cpl. Set)
B278	.50	250	.05	723	.04	B259-71	.18	338 (Cpl. Set)
C47-53	.45	251	.11	724	.04	B272-74	.25	338 (Cpl. Set)
AUSTRALIA		254	.07	725	.04	B273-74	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
141	.25	274	.06	726	.04	B278-79	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
166	.02	275	.07	727	.04	B283-85	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
192	.08	276	.06	728	.04	B286-87	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
193	.11	277	.06	729	.04	B291-93	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
196	.06	282	.06	730	.04	B294-96	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
200-202	.15	283	.07	731	.04	B297-99	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
203-205	.20	284	.02	732	.04	B300-32	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
210	.04	284-88	.35	733	.04	B301-33	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
213-14	.08	303	.06	734	.04	B302-34	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
214	.04	304	.07	735	.04	B303-35	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
216	.05	311-14	.70	736	.04	B304-36	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
223	.07	315	.06	737	.04	B305-37	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
225	.03	317	.06	738	.04	B306-38	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
227	.12	325-29	.25	739	.04	B307-39	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
228-29	.06	330	.06	740	.04	B310-31	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
230-31	.06	331	.06	741	.04	B311-33	.27	338 (Cpl. Set)
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Various reasons explaining the unpopularity of Spanish Colonial issues in the USA—the designs are normally unattractive, the paper is commonly very bad, the stamps are generally abominably printed, there are too many deliberate errors and side-door leak items and, last but not least, there are relatively few people in the American population of Spanish extraction so there is no sentimental appeal to speak of to offset these other matters. Almost none are found in general collections and specialized collections are conspicuously absent. Just try to sell such material here, just try!!

We found several charitable bodies in Ceylon collecting used stamps on pieces of cover for sale as bulk mixture goods. They ship them abroad for 90c to \$1 a pound.

Odds and ends of the old Nova Scotian remainders are now being peddled at about 1/6th Scott wholesale. Just doesn't seem possible that they are drying up after 50 years but such is the case. The same is true with Prince Edward Island remainders—the bottom of the barrel has been reached at last and there won't be many more "per sheet" offers of them either.

Philip Jones, Jr. of Shelton (2), Conn., owner of the famed Christmas Tree Farm, is currently a heavy buyer of Portuguese Nyassa issues, both here and abroad. This is a small philatelic unit, most of its stamps are very attractive, few of them are really scarce and they are way, way undercatalogued. Actually supplies have never been very great and most copies of most issues have long since found their way into collector albums. Try your dealer with a PN want list. You'll be lucky if he can supply one variety in 20, even low list ones.

Recent German issues are commonly on offer at wholesale in four categories—unused, genuinely postally used, favor-cancelled on pieces with fancy cancellations, and in cancelled-to-order sheets.

The Avalon Hinges now being widely distributed in the USA both regular and folded are of Austrian manufacture.

Slowly but surely that "inexhaustable" supply of Liberian printer's waste over the last 30 years held in London is melting away and come a fair day before too long there just won't be any more inverted centers, trial color items, imperfs and part perfs at wholesale. There are many signs however that there is plenty of such stuff from more recent issues waiting for the market to ripen, so don't get discouraged, you who like such things. So long as a complacent government pays no attention to what goes on in contract printing plants, they'll continue to abound.

John Nicklin of 110 W. 42nd St., New York holds the world's largest stock of philatelic exhibition seals, replete with proofs, trial prints, errors etc. This forms an excitingly inexpensive sideline field.

Quite a demand has sprung up for the 8c red and blue Liberty in sets of 54 mint plate number blocks. It takes an extraordinary amount of patience and hunting to get them together and time can't be reckoned in computing costs because otherwise such a set would have to be tagged at an astronomical figure.

British Colonial Peace and Royal Visit sets are so plentiful that wholesalers commonly supply both at less than face and in offering job lots of BCs on a face or catalog value basis, frequently specifying that none of these generally unwanted sets are included.

A fair number of older and semi-invalided persons in the USA soak and sort poundage goods such as USA commems and bankmail high values on a commercial basis. The standard rate—\$1 a pound, you paying postage to and from. Such work calls merely for large pans or a tub, warm water, newspapers to dry stamps between and small amount of philatelic knowledge—just enough to permit proper classification plus enough sense to throw out defective copies. It affords easy, not too distasteful and fairly profitable employment to individuals who would otherwise be killing time and getting very weary in the process.

Later: The Lybens have just begun publication of another trade journal as well—the Stamp Dealer's Weekly, appearing Mondays. That takes courage!!

The British West Indian University sets which have been in the philatelic doldrums from the time of issue because of the vast amount of speculation in them are beginning to rise, prices on the common mints and cancelled-to-orders as well as the scarce legitimately used ones being on the up.



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lists at only 2c, but TRY to find wholesale stocks!! There just don't appear to be any because of Commonwealth specialist quest for minor varieties and the catalog price is obviously a joke.

Where do those unsolicited approvals and those unexpected price-lists, generally from firms you never heard of, reaching you by the dozen, originate? In lists of "stamp buyers" dealers purchase from each other and in lists compiled by commercial concerns specializing in such and selling them to all comers or to the first ten applying or what have you (there is infinite variety in these deals) at anything from 1c to 10c per name.

Why should a dealer sell others his names? Well if a chap writes in for a premium and a trial approval selection and buys only 10c worth or not over 50c worth at any time in three sendings, obviously he is not a profitable client—certainly not the kind you want. Somebody else filling his sheets with seals and flashy revenues may find that he's a good buyer. So you are willing to drop the name from your list and sell it and the other party is willing to pay a few cents for it as part of a lot of 100 or 500 or even 1000 up, and everybody's happy.

The common source is often revealed by the fact that purchasing dealers buy names on gummed labels, most of them in carbon copy, and just paste them onto the envelopes sent your way. In studying dealer techniques, it's really funny so to key your name (to spell it incorrectly or to give it some other distinguishing characteristic) so that you can spot what happens, and then sit back and watch the fun. You'll generally find your name being bought by anywhere from 25 to 50 concerns whose names are unknown to you and that never advertise, and responses will, in some cases, come for as long as five years. Not that you're on a sucker list precisely, but it sort of works that way.

Australian high values (10/- £2) overprinted "Specimen" can be had in unlimited quantities because they are sold in official collections prepared and marketed with cancelled-to-order lower values by the Commonwealth government. It's an old Australian practice, running back to States days.

The World Stamp Market, an inland USA trade journal, suspended publication last December after having appeared for 27 years. I never saw a copy and have no idea what brought about its demise—its remoteness from great philatelic centers may have been a decisive factor. Be that as it may, hope springs eternal and The Stamp Dealer is now appearing from Detroit monthly at \$1 a year. It is unique in that it is produced as a family enterprise by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lyben who set it up by typewriter and paste-up and then themselves lithoprint it. If you prepare your own copy ready for photographing, rates are but \$12.50 a page as against \$19.50 when the Lybens have to prepare the copy for the camera. It is currently running 50 pages of ads exclusively—no articles at all. It will be interesting to see how this unique experiment in philatelic journalism takes. Good luck!

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**ALGERIA.** On June 19 the stamp commemorating the 22nd national congress of the holders of the military medal of Constantine will be issued. The value will be 15fr plus 5fr and will be the same as the General Leclerc stamp issued last November.

**ANDORRA.** A 500fr blue airmail was issued on March 13. The design is the same as the current 200fr and shows the eastern branch of the Valira river.

**AUSTRIA.** A new definitive series is to be started with the issuance of a 1S. stamp commemorating the 800th anniversary of the Maria Zell. To be issued on May 25 it is the forerunner of a set showing the beautiful castles and buildings of Austria.

**BELGIUM.** The Central Station in Brussels is the design of a new 300fr pink parcel post stamp which was recently issued.

**GERMANY (West).** A 20pf. red commemorative was released on May 18 for the 350th anniversary of the birth of Paul Gerhardt, clergyman. The stamp bears his portrait.

**GERMANY (East).** The set for mining was issued on May 3. The values and designs are: 10pf green (dredging machine); 20pf brown (bridge for strip mining); 25pf blue (miner).

**IRAQ.** On the occasion of the opening of the Agricultural and Industrial Fair in Baghdad a new 10 fils stamp will be placed on sale. The design depicts the allegory of Agriculture and Industry.

**LUXEMBOURG.** Two stamps will be issued on June 17 to mark the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement and the golden jubilee of the movement itself. The first will be a 2fr ochre and olive green and the second a 2.50fr reddish-violet and bluish violet.

**POLAND.** Two sports stamps were issued on May 4 commemorating the "10th International Cycling Race of Peace". The values are 60gr. blue, and 1.50z. carmine.

**SOMALILAND.** The 20c and 1/2c stamps bearing the Legislative Council Opening overprint were released on May 21.

**TOGO.** To commemorate the first anniversary of the Togoland Republic a 25fr stamp will be issued on August 30.

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**Airline Has Cachet For Service Start**  
Scheduled airline service to Apple Valley Calif. from Los Angeles and Las Vegas, will start on July 2, according to the Bonanza Airline officials, whose airline has been granted this route by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

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**SOUTH JERSEY DEALERS BOURSE.** The popular monthly bourse of the South Jersey Stamp Dealers Club of Camden, N. J. is now well along into its third year of operations, and is proving increasingly popular with dealers and collectors alike. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month, September through June, in the large assembly room of the Plaza Hotel in the heart of Camden. Patronage is drawn from the entire surrounding area, including Philadelphia, just across the Delaware river.

**Precancel NEWS**

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**PERFINS**

My mention of PERFINS (Perforated initials on stamps) has brought a lot of mail but unfortunately none from collectors of same. One thing settled was my comment on an article I had read that PERFINS had been in use a little less than thirty years. This evidently was an old article lifted from some long out of date magazine, because I have definite proof that PERFINS have been in use much longer than that.

The value of these things seems to be the next most important question. On that point I am absolutely ignorant. Precancels like foreign stamps have different values from one cent up into the hundreds of dollars. I am quite sure those who collect, buy, sell and trade in PERFINS do have some definite dollars and cents values they place on them.

We would be glad to hear from anyone who has bought or sold PERFINS to give us an idea of prices asked or realized for them. Some few Precancel collectors save some cities along with their regular precancels but these are FEW and this is not regularly done.

**SOLID PRECANCEL COLLECTIONS**

What to collect is often a question put to your Precancel editor. Well of course the first answer is just what you like. Then of course follows the question, what do you suggest. Well here it is, and the first named is not necessarily the first rated in my opinion.

**BUREAUS**, all, or the different issues as you like (old Large types, Small B-11 types from 1926-38, the Presidents either Wide or Narrow or both, and of course the Liberties).

**TOWNS and TYPES.** This is the real local type collection. One example of every precancel type used from every Town and City. This does away with the funny business that sometimes creeps into the field as extra varieties are just not wanted.

Then there are DOUBLE LINES. Not much funny business here either; large enough to hold interest, small enough not to be a burden.

One pet suggestion I have is PRINTED TYPES of all cities other than Bureaus. In other words PRINTED TYPE LOCALS. This is a pretty solid field too but is not collected very much any more. Of course there will be those who have other pets and will disagree with the above but for solid collecting the areas mentioned pretty well cover the field.

For a collection not much on looks but for the one who really wants to dig, our nomination is CITY TYPE COILS. What about the rest? Well all are as interesting as you want to make them but have some faults that are not so obvious in the types of collections mentioned.

**BULLETIN BOARD**  
The Pacific Northwest Precancel Club's Newsletter was mailed in April from Boise, Idaho with a 2c Prexy. The type was the old rubber handstamp U-75. This edition I understand was an extra mailing. The May issue of the Printed Dated News arrived using a 2c Prexy Bureau dated PDPN 5-57. If energy is given a rating this club sure should get an "A" for effort. Addresses of above furnished for return postage.

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**Austrian, German Philatelic News**

Joachim Dill

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A Heinrich Hertz commem was already issued on February 22, 1957 by West German Bundespost at the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birthday of Hertz.

Eastern Germany had a new glider flight for mail on June 8 on the occasion of the 4th South-Thuringen stamp exhibition at Sonneberg. Special covers were taken on the flight.

Austria mourns the death of professor Ferdinand Lorber, well known Austrian designer and engraver of stamps, whose latest issued Austrian design was the Wild-gans of May 3.

Ferdinand Lorber was born on November 16, 1883 at Vienna and died on May 14, 1957. He was one of the greatest stamp artists. Since 1931 he created such popular Austrian sets as "Poets", "Ignaz Seipel", "Artists", "WIPA", "Heroes", "Dollfuss", Inventors", "Physicians". After WW II his stamp work in Austria began with the 1946 set "Austrian Race Horses" and continued with more than 30 engravings.

ings and often also the designs, among these "Silent Night, Holy Night", "UPU", 1952 "School Girl"; 1953 "Christmas Stamp" and others.

Professor Lorber designed and engraved a number of Liechtenstein stamps, among these the 2, 3 and 5fr issued in 1939, 1944 and 1951 which show Liechtenstein arms, the prince and the princess; the 1947 funeral stamp for princess Elsa, and during WW II any stamps of the "General Gouvernement".

It is interesting, that Austrian Post Ministry's publication about Lorber's death does not mention the fact that Lorber also created a number of German stamps during the time when Austria was attached to Germany and when most of Germany's stamps were printed by the Staatsdruckerei Vienna. Lorber's works were the most popular of the III Reich—as the 1940 Brown Ribbon Horse Race, 1941 Race Horse, 1943 "Mother and Children".

The many nice designs which he created for different countries, guarantees a long memory of philatelists for Ferdinand Lorber.

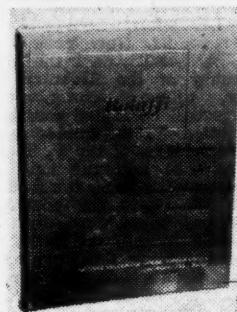
Austria issued on June 11, with validity from June 14, a commemorative on the occasion of the 50 years jubilee of Austrian post bus service. The stamp shows two post busses, at left one from 1957, at right one from 1907. Color is dark grey, face value 1 Schilling; design and engraving by Hans Ranzioni the younger.

Austria will issue on June 18, with validity from June 22, a commemorative on the occasion of the 800 years jubilee of the Abbey of Marizell. It shows Marizell pilgrimage church and in the foreground open shops which sell candles, crucifixes and other things for pilgrims. The color is dark brown, face value 1 Schilling. The design is of professor Hans Strohhofer; engraving by Georg Wimmer.

**Staten Island Club's New Officers Announced**

Members of the Staten Island Philatelic Society elected two of the last fiscal year's officers for another term. They are president William McFarland and treasurer William Schultheiss. Other members of the new official family are vice president Calvin Morrell, secretary Edward Houchuli, and corresponding secretary Carl Schlicktinger.

Meetings are held every Monday evening in the Staten Island Museum at St. George. Visitors are always welcome to attend and participate in the events.

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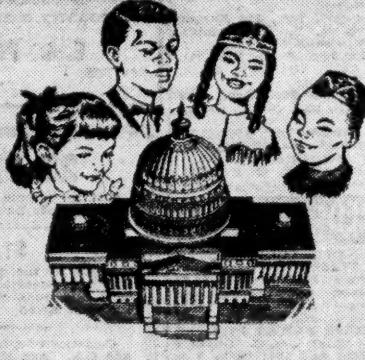
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The author has separated the PAID types into twelve different categories depending on their appearance. Each is illustrated, fully described, with the known towns of use listed.

An introductory chapter instructs the reader in an approach to the collecting of postmarks and printing terms and practices. With each book comes four sheets on which all the cancels are printed. These can be cut from the sheet and placed in the album with a cover or stamp as an illustration of the type which the item bears.

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Bulletin of April 1, 1956

"A NEW BOOK — 3c 1861

A new booklet entitled, "The Paid Markings on the 3c U. S. Stamp of 1861" by George W. Linn, has just been received and it is a most welcome addition to my reference library. The author is the well-known editor of "Linn's Weekly Stamp News" and is one of our foremost elder collectors and philatelic students I joined the A. P. S. in 1907 and my number is 2497. I note George was admitted just a short time previous as his A. P. S. number is 2452. George Linn knows American Philately from A to Z as well as the stamps of the world. He was in the printing business all his life, hence he not only knows how to write a book of this kind but how to have it illustrated, printed and bound. For some years he searched for every example he could locate of a 3c 1861 with a "PAID" cancellation. This is a most interesting study and I can recommend it in the highest terms. I do not know the price but write to George W. Linn, Howey in the Hills, Florida." Signed: Stanley B. Ashbrook.

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**PHILATELIC MATERIAL**  
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50c for a class-ad. What-the-heck, maybe for a couple of bux, your local weekly will run your ad for a month or so, and from that shooting of a couple o' bux, nobody can tell how many old trunk lids you can lift to peek under! And, eleven chances out of a dozen, would be lead to believe by YOU, depending on how good a trader you are and what sort of characters were your antecedents!

One never knows what such ads may turn up! The whole field of stamping is wide open!

Let me recite some of the things that followed the placing of a classified in a rural weekly having around 1000 circulation.

An old lady submitted two shoeboxes chock-a-block full of the very commonest stamps of the 90's and early 1900's. I spread the whole works out on her kitchen table after having corralled sundry condiments and a crumbly tablecloth off to one corner, and stirred the accumulation through with one finger. I was just on the point of telling the old soul the mess wasn't even fit to start fires with when up jumped some "Chicago Birthday" precancels!

The other box had some early-bird precancs and still another had some Columbian cents values BUT with them were a whole slug of Match & Medicines, in prime condition, plus some revenues in which the silk threads were as bright as the day they'd been lifted from the dye vats. Anyhow, none of them were of vital interest to me and, to make a long story more abrupt, I peddled the peddable stuff, and paid her in full what I got in the market place.

Soon after she turned up with a quite gaudy new calico dress and a stunning hairdo! The eyes the old gal got from a bevy of old hitching-post roosters more than repaid her and mebbe she snagged one of 'em, I dunno!

Now, that l'il ol' gal got around! One of her daughters was married to an Okie. I didn't know said daughter until she stopped me on the street and told me she and her husband were going to visit his kinfolks down in the Cimarron country where her husband said there was quite a cache of old letters—real old family letters. Would I like to see them? If so, they'd bring 'em back. I told her no harm in taking a look, if she wanted to lug 'em.

Personally, I wasn't interested in 'em but I found a couple of guys who just knew they liked early Indian Territory, old Texas, Wells Fargo, etc., covers a lot better than they liked chunks of money—and I mean gob-chunks of money, so the couple threw in their old battered suitcase on the deal, just to ease their consciences.

In this case, I was tendered a very handsome commission, definitely without the legal usury law!

Then there was a war-grandmother who submitted her late grandson's collection she wanted me to buy, the proceeds to go toward a memorial swimming pool for the town kids. That sure was a toughie. The lot just had no value and it was a mighty hard matter to have to tell her so. Anyhow we settled on the basis I would take the whole lot of her boy's pride and joy and send it to a veterans' layout for some chap to build upon.

Small town newspapers quite frequently have a wider circulation than many people imagine. It is not all uncommon for a very suburban, four page paper to reach at least one address in half the forty-eight states. An advertiser need not be surprised if replies come from thousands of miles away.

A three-time ad placed in a regional agricultural paper brought answers from far beyond what one would, within reason, expect. Again, replies to ads placed in any

suburban paper may bring replies from someone living in the next township or just down the street!

It is not entirely the items of high market value that may be turned up. Should the collector be working on some highly specialized phase of our hobby, his chances are just as good.

I know a collector who placed his ad, as above described. He was a nut on covers postmarked from discontinued, local post offices. His three or four dollar ad chinked in several select items and the surplus was placed in circulation.

Funny way he got 'em! A local auctioneer of his acquaintance had undertaken the sale of a whole lot of plunder, ordered for the settlement of an estate among a bunch of squabbling heirs. Spotting, among the assorted gatherings a parcel of old letters, the auctioneer contacted his collector friend whose ad he had casually seen, and just did him a neighborly favor through a strictly private transaction.

Fellow clodbuster-stampers, toddle in to the county seat and put an ad in your hometown weekly, and may the Keeper of All Things not relax His hold upon your Conscience!

**GOVERNMENT ENVELOPES**  
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and, in 1871, by Belgium and the Netherlands.

Postmaster General John A. Creswell in 1870 called Congress' attention to the fact other nations were already using postal cards and recommended the United States do so. But the bill to authorize them didn't become law until 1872, and they didn't come out until the following year.

Domestic single postal cards in this country were always a penny until January 1, 1952, when the present 2c rate was provided, except for a period around World War I.

A 1c tax on cards was added to the 1c base rate, and hundreds of millions of cards were printed at 2c. When the tax was abolished July 1, 1919, Uncle Sam had 200 million 2-penny cards on his hands worth a penny each. They were overprinted with a "1-cent" imprint and sold to avoid waste.

An interesting fable has been circulated for many years about the so-called "garbage" postal card. The story has it that Mrs. William McKinley didn't like the picture of her President husband on 1,625,000 1902 postal cards and the Postmaster General then accordingly ordered every one of them destroyed.

Somehow, a box of 500 of the rejected ones, though, was delivered to New York City and sold by the Postmaster there to a New York garbage disposal firm, which had its own name and address printed on the address side.

Most of these 500 were retrieved by a postal official who had been dispatched from Washington to get them back, but a few of them ultimately reached the hands of collectors, and they are referred to as the "garbage cards."

There is no official substantiation of the story about Mrs. McKinley. Actually, the official records show they were destroyed because they had not been well printed on the high speed presses which were just then coming into use.

Philatelically, the "garbage" cards list up to \$300 catalogue value, and a number of other issues of relatively rare postal cards list for prices like \$30, \$40 and \$50 each.

Collecting of cards appears to have increased greatly in recent years, along with increases in stamp collecting generally.

U. S. postal cards have been printed by the Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C. since 1910. And, except for a few, particularly the earliest, plates used in printing them have been prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington.

The domestic postal card became a twin for the first time on

October 25, 1892, when the "double" reply cards were first issued at 2c for each double card.

These — the kind which contains the attached duplicate postal card that the addressee tears off and uses for his reply — sells for 4c today, and are still highly popular.

The first international card is issued by the United States made its debut on December 1, 1879, and made it possible to communicate with almost anybody in the world for only 2c.

The double international reply card was first sold in 1893 at 4c and this device made it possible for people in this country to assure themselves of a reply from folks back in the "old country" who might not otherwise have postage to spare for a reply. The card was particularly useful for newly-arrived immigrants. However it is still mailed by millions of Americans each year, and still costs a small amount, 8c.

Although regular U. S. airmail service dates back to 1918, there was not an airmail card until January 10, 1949 (although previously regular cards could be sent by air simply by the addition of an appropriate stamp to take care of the extra postage). The airmail cards sell today for 4c, same as in 1949.

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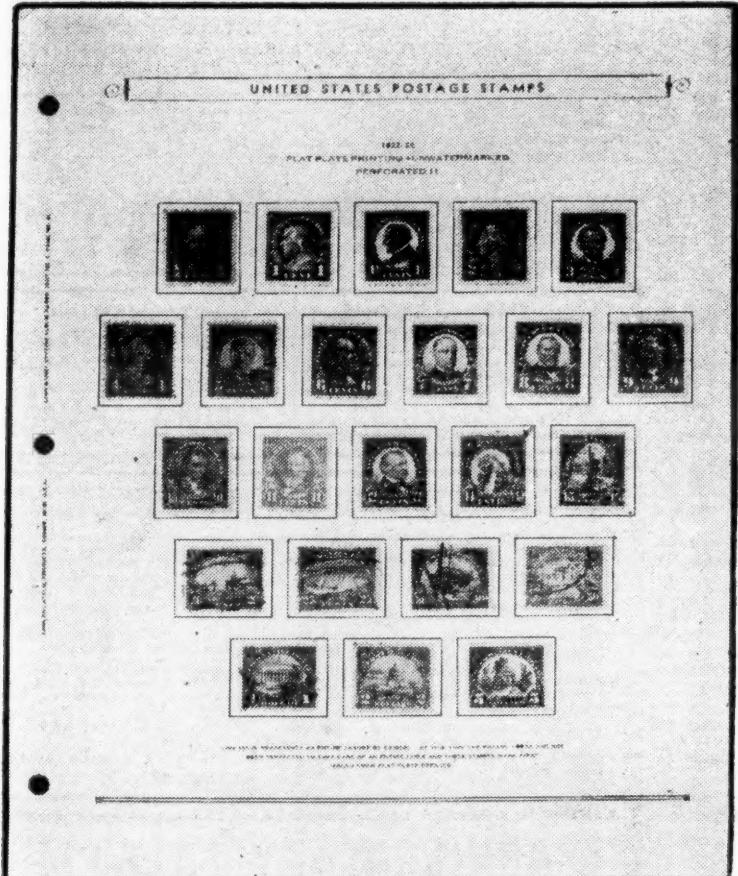
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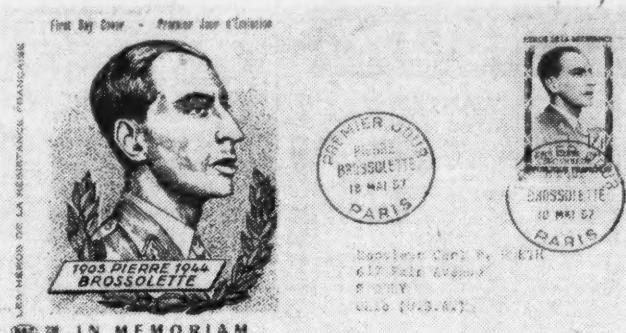
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**Dutch Devise A  
New Museum Twist****Ernest A. Kehr**

The Dutch Postal Museum, which already has introduced numerous innovations to stimulate public interest in philately, recently came up with a new idea specially aimed at getting more youngsters interested in collecting stamps.

The writer never ceases to be amazed at the accomplishments of the museum which occupies a splendid building on the Zeestraat, just off the very heart of The Hague. Its director Dr. R. E. J. Weber, in cooperation with the Information Officer of the Dutch P.T.T., Cas d'Artillac Brill, constantly devises gimmicks to promote greater knowledge of and interest in postage stamps.

Because the museum is frequently visited by youngsters—either with class groups, or individually as part of school work—it is an ideal place to get many of them started. Dr. Weber has taken advantage of the opportunity.

During the last visit, in April, the writer noted that every youngster who entered was handed a small form on which were printed six questions, the answers to which could be found in some exhibit in the stamps displayed at that time. (A very few exhibits are more or less permanent; each month, however, the ultra-modern cases have

specially selected ones so regular visits can be made without seeing the same material over and over again.)

To a philatelist the questions are simple: "Name a stamp that shows a post office in The Hague; What Dutch stamp portrays Eechie Pieters?; What Norwegian queen celebrated her 75th birthday in 1947? etc.

Yet to one who has not become accustomed to really looking at a stamp's design, they offer a challenge.

"It gets our youngsters to examine all stamps more thoroughly," Dr. Weber declared. "And once they get the habit it's not long before they become collectors."

All youngsters under sixteen years of age are invited to fill out the form, giving the answers, their name, school, class and address.

The museum then sends a letter of congratulation to every youngster who has all answers correct, together with a set of the Jubilee stamps of 1938, and a Jamboree set of 1937, and a leaflet encouraging the winner to use these as the basis for a collection of Dutch stamps.

Of course this is intended to get more and more people to buy sets of every new Dutch issue as it is released—which means cash profits for the Postal Administration—but the fact that it also promotes philatelic interest generally is a contribution which stampdom cannot ignore.

**SPECIAL EDITIONS**

Various dealers will want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.

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